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Dear Mr Wates,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2007 and draft findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee with regard to the Vlore Power Plant project in Albania (Ref. ACC/C/2005/12). We are pleased to provide the following comments for your consideration, in italics, inserted in the main document.

With regard to the Recommendations, we will respond when this is issued with a welcoming of the implementation of a structured approach in Albanian requirements to public participation and consultation. We will be pleased to support the Secretariat in working with Albania and other institutions on these important issues. In EBRD, your primary contact point will be Liz Smith in our Environment and Sustainability Department (ESD).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide clarification on the draft findings and recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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